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INCREASE INTERCITY BUS THANSFORTATION RATES -- Zagreb. Borba, 24 Oct 51

The Minister of Transportation and Navigation of Croatia, in agreement with the Minister of Pinance of Cromina, has issued a new rate schedule for intercity bus transportation in Croatia, which becomes effective 23 October 1951

The new rates increase by three times the provisional bus fares established 15 May 1950 for members and officials of trade unions and of the Yugoslav Army and Feople's Militia, and their immediate families However, the former rates will be valid for traveling on annual vacation leave. Their children from 4 to 10 years of age will pay half fare

Baggage transportation is to be 25 percent of the fare, figured to the next highest multiple of 5 dinars

New Fares for Mem

Passenger and baggage fares in different zones are (in dinars).

	Regular	Fare	of Trade U Yugoslav A People's M	rmy, and	of Trade Unions, Yugo- slav Army, and People's Militia				
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	senger	gage	senger	gage	senger	gage			
0-3	30	10	6	5	2 4	5			
3-7	60	15	12	5		5			
7-10 10-14 14-18	90 120 150	25 30 40	18 24 30	10 10	8 10	5 5 5			
18-21	180	45	36	10	12	5			
21-25	210	55	42	15		5			
25-29	240	60	48	15	16	5			
29-32	270	70	511	15	18	5			

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Passenger fares for more than 200 kilometers are 6 dinars per kilometer, figured to the next highest multiple of 10 dinars.

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INCREASED PRICES OF PUBLIC SERVICES HELP TO STABILIZE MARKET -- Zagreb, Borba,

Before the war, the average city dweller spent 20-22 percent of his total income for public services, such as electricity, water, gas, streetcar fare, movies, plays, etc.

To date, only 2.4 percent of individual income has been spent for such services. Even when his small expenditure for rent was added (which averages 42 percent less than before the war), every Yugoslav consumer entered the market (for the most part this was the agricultural products market) with almost his entire income.

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Because of high prices at village markets, consumers were forced to spend a disproportionately large part of their incomes there. Prices were high because of the pressure of large quantities of money on the market. This was especially true of agricultural products, which in turn caused increased prices for industrial products.

In the main, prices of public services have remained unchanged from the liberation to the present. In the beginning, this was the one method of safe-guarding the living standard of workers, but because the money saved was spent on the free market, this price policy began to benefit only speculators. The increase in prices of public services can and will be directed against speculators, although working people will be the first to feel its effects.

Before the war, taxes for the support of government agencies, courts, arbitration boards, etc., were about 20 percent of the federal budget; such taxes are only about .2 percent of the federal budget now. The various government functions therefore operate almost without cost to the citizenry.

Predictions of speculators that the increased railroad transportation fares will be reflected in market prices is untenable. In the beginning, there will be individual cases where market prices will be higher but only temporarily. Increases in the price of public services should result in a decrease in agricultural prices first, followed by a decrease in prices of other products, and eventually a decrease in the price of the services themselves.

INCREASE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION -- Zagreb, Borba, 23 Oct 51

Before the war, streetcars in Belgrade annually transported 71,447,000 passengers; today, they transport about 260,536,000. In Zagreb, 60,148,000 passengers were transported annually compared with 207,646,000 today. In Ljublana, Jana, 11,613,000 passengers were transported annually compared with 45,551,000 today. During the same period, the population of Belgrade increased 44 percent; Zagreb, 46 percent; and Ljubljana, 83 percent.

In 1937 - 1938, Yugoslav railroads transported 53,773,000 passengers; in 1950, 178,536,000; and the Five-Year Plan calls for the transport of 194 million by the end of 1951.

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